



BEARFACTS 1997 – 2007

Lake Charles (MSA) [29340]

Lake Charles is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2007 population of 191,880 ranked 215th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 Lake Charles had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$34,737. This PCPI ranked 148th in the United States and was 90 percent of the national average, \$38,615. The 2007 PCPI reflected an increase of 10.2 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 national change was 4.9 percent. In 1997 the PCPI of Lake Charles was \$20,804 and ranked 258th in the United States. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 Lake Charles had a total personal income (TPI) of \$6,665,305*. This TPI ranked 206th in the United States. In 1997 the TPI of Lake Charles was \$3,975,238* and ranked 199th in the United States. The 2007 TPI reflected an increase of 10.8 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 national change was 6.0 percent. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Lake Charles. In 2007 net earnings accounted for 62.6 percent of TPI (compared with 67.0 in 1997); dividends, interest, and rent were 20.4 percent (compared with 16.4 in 1997); and personal current transfer receipts were 17.0 percent (compared with 16.7 in 1997). From 2006 to 2007 net earnings increased 5.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 44.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 1.2 percent. From 1997 to 2007 net earnings increased on average 4.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 7.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.5 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Lake Charles increased from \$4,696,154* in 2006 to \$4,969,436* in 2007, an increase of 5.8 percent. The 2006-2007 national change was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1997 estimate of \$3,194,686* to the 2007 estimate was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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